

Senate Resolution 104

By: Senator Tolleson of the 20th

#### A RESOLUTION

- 1 Dedicating the Eddie Wiggins Bridge; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, Eddie Wiggins will soon be stepping down as the chairman of the 21st Century  
3 Partnership; and
- 4 WHEREAS, he was a founding father of the partnership in 1993 and has served as chairman  
5 since 1999; and
- 6 WHEREAS, normally a chairman serves a two-year term, but Eddie Wiggins remained as  
7 chairman due to repeated requests from the community and his absolute passion for Robins  
8 Air Force Base and Middle Georgia; and
- 9 WHEREAS, Eddie Wiggins successfully guided Robins Air Force Base and the community  
10 through many challenging issues including reduced budgets, privatization threats, lack of  
11 adequate on-base and off-base housing, and lack of medical participation in the TRICARE  
12 program; and
- 13 WHEREAS, since 1993, Robins Air Force Base has grown from about 18,000 to 27,000  
14 personnel, increased its economic impact on Georgia from \$2.3 billion to \$4.2 billion, and  
15 survived three base closure and realignment rounds; and
- 16 WHEREAS, Eddie Wiggins is known nationally as Middle Georgia's Mr. Air Force, and he  
17 deserves recognition for dedicating his heart and soul to Robins Air Force Base and the  
18 airmen who serve our great country so proudly.
- 19 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF  
20 GEORGIA that the members of this body dedicate the Russell Parkway bridge over SR 247  
21 in Houston County as the Eddie Wiggins Bridge; and the Department of Transportation is

1 authorized and directed to place and maintain appropriate markers dedicating the Eddie  
2 Wiggins Bridge.

3 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed  
4 to transmit appropriate copies of this resolution to Eddie Wiggins and to the Department of  
5 Transportation.